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I am a Director of Software Development and fully understand the implications of Microsoft's behavior.

To fully comprehend how we have mostly become Microsoft robots one needs to try operating WITHOUT Microsoft products.

How can this test be done?

1. Remove Internet Explorer and install a competitive product for access to the Internet.
2. Remove Microsoft Outlook (any version) and install a competitive product for access to e-mail.
3. Remove Microsoft Java Virtual Machine and install Java from Sun to run web programs.
4. Remove Microsoft Office (any version) and install a competitive product for office automation.
5. Remove Microsoft Media Player and install a competitive product for multimedia content.

After removing all of this software just try and make the computer perform the ordinary functions you expect. It isn't possible. Without using Microsoft products it's difficult to even gain access to competitive products!

The above are just the consumer products. Microsoft has an even bigger impact on the underlying technology. They are buying technology companies to deepen our dependence upon them.

Trust me, Microsoft is laughing uncontrollably about the settlement.

SOLUTION: REQUIRE THAT MICROSOFT PUT DUAL-BOOT OPTIONS ON ALL SYSTEMS SO THAT CONSUMERS HAVE ACCESS TO ONE OF THE OPEN SOURCE OPERATING SYSTEMS. THIS WILL TRULY PROTECT THE AMERICAN CONSUMER AND OUR COMPETITIVE POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE.

Let them do anything else but require DUAL-BOOT so the consumer can choose at the Desktop. This is the one single settlement they will NEVER accept.

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